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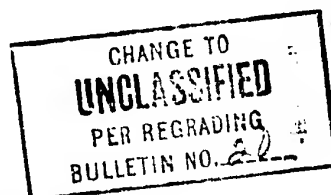
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SUMMARY

In praising new Chinese construction, visiting Satellite students give credit to the "last'ing friendship of the People's Democracies," suggesting that they consider the successes a triumph for the USSR rather than a tribute to Chinese ingenuity. The growing practice of sending small groups of Chinese to the USSR, to return and sell Soviet ideas at home, might indicate that Soviet experts in China are not meeting with full success.

Women still replace men as field hands, but reports of a new factory for "unemployed women," coupled with widespread efforts to force implementation of the preferential treatment program, suggest that the mere shunting of women to the fields is not solving the problem of lost manpower and resulting helpless dependents. A private factory is accused of injuring the health of its workers by long work hours, but nothing is said of Government pressures for completion of processing orders. Protests at the bombing of Pyongyang, represented as a "peaceful area," new germ warfare charges, and new claims of air attacks on China, are used as a lever to force new efforts from the war-weary Chinese. Some encouragement is offered them in reports that the American steel strike, represented as a protest of American workers against the Korean war, is seriously hindering American efforts.

Power rationing for industry and adapting of power plants to low-grade coal are represented as part of the increased production and economy program, but suggest a serious coal shortage rather than a step toward greater production. Claims that trade problems are being solved by agreements with Satellite nations are dampened by admissions that trade with Britain, and "all nations," would be welcome.

A reorientation of agricultural school programs, and priority loans for mutual-aid groups, indicate new efforts toward collectivization of agriculture, but imports are the happy life at one collective village, which has a Soviet tractor, are scarcely convincing in view of the fact that women do field work there, which was not customary in pre-liberation days.

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